

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, July 2, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell. Beinn Bhreagh, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N. S. July 2nd. 1890? My dear Mrs. Bell:

I promised in my last not to urge you again about you coming up, but you haven't replied yet, so this is only a postscript, to the other.

I merely want to tell you that my cousin Lina McCurdy has just arrived from Boston, and reports that she had a most comfortable journey. She left Boston on Tuesday at one o'clock and arrived at Port Hawksbury at eleven this morning, found the steamer Marion waiting for them, crossed from one boat to the other and came right up to Baddeck arriving at eight o'clock, having been two nights on board the boat. Now why couldn't you come up this way perfectly comfortably? It's a very cheap way too.

I wish all my friends were here now, the country is at its very loveliest, and my rhododendrons are magnificent. I am having a pair of heavy screens put up on either side the covered part of the verandah, and that makes a very great improvement, because now we are sheltered from the wind in every direction, except in front, which is the South. Consequently we can sit out there twice as much as formerly.

Daisy and I staid last night at the lodge putting it in order for my mother, and we would have staid tonight also but my cousin came.

Now think twice, thrice, fourthly over the idea of coming, and come? I know you love your Southern home, and it is beautiful, but you can be well here and Alec couldn't there, and it would be so nice to be together.

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Affectionately, Mabel.